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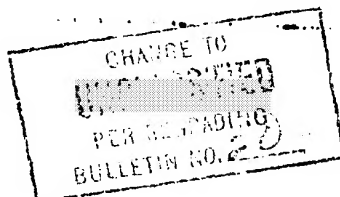
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SUMMARY

The importance of Soviet experts, books, and influence in industry get increased emphasis, and in order to speed the Russification of Chinese colleges, special courses by Soviet educators must be attended by all college teachers. However, in an effort to demonstrate that China is a partner rather than a satellite, a Sino-Soviet Friendship Association group visits Russia and there is considerable comment on Soviet respect for Chinese culture.

Persistent Chinese and Korean peace efforts are credited with achieving the Korean POW agreement, while Moscow's peace offensive is given new support. Only the resistance of American warmongers now will prevent American soldiers in Japan, as well as in Korea, from going home. Meanwhile, the reality of economic difficulties is demonstrated by the presence of a trade delegation in Moscow. Government control of the new wheat crop, charges of rice hoarding, and admissions that wheat production in some areas is only 60 percent of the estimate. Claims that Southwest farmers are pleased at high wheat prices and the hurried exportation from that area may screen alarm at Government moves, for only recently parts of the Southwest were considered famine areas.

Stress on the selection of factory inspectors, lax labor discipline, absenteeism, and poor factory leadership suggests disappointing industrial progress. Claims of new support for the suppression of laotist sects indicate there may also be opposition, while the new China Buddhist Association activities show more clearly its Party control. Changes in college curricula to avoid student overwork recall the elimination recently of certain student meetings, and suggest student dissatisfaction. New insight into the actual implementation of the widely hailed payment of preliberation bank deposits is gleaned from assertions that money is being redeposited to aid the Government.

Apparently, it is considered expedient to reiterate claims that minority groups enthusiastically welcome work teams, while efforts to promote amity between minorities and border guards suggest considerable friction. It also is revealed that the People's Liberation Army supervises new Tibetan publications, while resistance to their reform in Lhasa is admitted.

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